



Welcome to the 2014 Greenwood Parks and Recreation Fall Tiny T-Ball League

This league is designed for children who are four and five years old. **Practices will begin September 8 at the newly renovated Woodmen Park T-Ball Diamond.**

| <u>League</u> | <u>Facility-Park</u> | <u>Practice Days</u> | <u>Game Days</u> |
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| 4-5 years old | Woodmen Park | Mondays, 5:45 p.m. | Mondays, 5:45 p.m. |

Registration: August 6 – September 7, 2014

Practices: September 8, September 15, September 22

Games: September 29, October 6, October 13, October 20 (Tiny T-Ball World Series).

This is a parent/guardian run league. The problem we see with beginning baseball leagues is that youngsters are often placed alone in the field and have no idea what to do. The ball is hit to them and they are confused and often get frustrated. We intend to counter that problem by having the child's parent/guardian standing in the field and at the plate with them. The parent/guardian will help the child by directing them to run to the correct base, throw the ball to the correct area, etc. We believe constant encouragement is the best way to teach youngsters how to play this great game. **So, please be prepared to take the field with your child.**

During this inaugural season, players will not be divided onto different teams. We will practice and play together as one group. There will be three practices run by parents and then a series of four games, culminating with the Tiny T-Ball World Series on October 20.

Practices will be geared to be both fun and educational. We will teach fielding techniques, batting stance, hitting techniques (stressing safety), how to run the bases and, of course, throwing techniques.

Games will be four innings with a 45-minute time limit. Every player will bat each inning while the others play in the field. Our emphasis will be on learning the game.

Each player will get a shirt and cap. Players must provide their own mitt and can provide their own bat. The batting tees and balls will be provided by the league.

Spread the word to family members and friends when your child has a game. It's great to have fans cheering from the stands! **If you have any questions throughout the season, feel free to contact Jeff Madsen at 881-4545. Have a great season!**

Parents please check out the T-Ball portion of our website for schedules of games and rainout information. The website is www.greenwood.in.gov, then go to Parks and Recreation under departments then click on youth sports on the left side of the page.